

HEDGEHOG CLASS TOPIC WEB

AUTUMN TERM 2026 (RECEPTION)
MRS STERECKI



OURSELVES AUTUMN SENSES FIREWORKS & FESTIVALS COLOUR & LIGHT

COMMUNICATION, LANGUAGE AND LITERACY

- Learn to read and write our first name.
- Introduction to Monster Phonics.
- Begin to play letter sound games.
- Learn different sounds that letters make and begin to form them correctly.
- Begin to recognise key words out of context.
- Begin to write for a purpose - lists, labels.
- Share stories and talk about them.
- Sequence stories and events.
- Listen to, and retell, information and stories.
- Learn and use new vocabulary.

PERSONAL, SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Discuss friendship and our sense of self in our unit 'Beginning and Belonging'.
- Learn to recognise and express different feelings and emotions.
- Settle into Reception, learning routines and expectations.

EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

- Engage with different role play areas.
- Use a range of small world play.
- Use puppets to retell and create stories.
- Explore backgrounds and spaces through printing and rubbings.
- Explore our creativity to make stick skeletons, self-portraits.....
- Copy and learn different dance moves.
- Learn songs & rhymes, copy and make musical rhythms.
- Explore and use a different materials.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORLD

- Talk about our own lives, families and homes.
- Learn about parts of the body and our senses.
- Learn about people and events from the past.
- Learn about the celebrations of Harvest, Sukkot, Diwali, Hannuakah, Christmas.
- Seasonal changes -Autumn walk

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Take part in large movement activities including building with crates, using wriggle cars, vertical mark making.
- Take part in fine motor activities to build strength in our hands-dough gym, using brushes, large tweezers, clothes pegs.
- Learn to hold scissors correctly.
- Begin to develop a tripod pencil grip.
- PE - Fundamental skills 1/ Fun gym shapes
- Weekly Mini movers

MATHEMATICS

- Match, sort and compare amounts and shapes.
- Counting songs.
- Talk about, recognise and make patterns.
- Learn about subitising.
- Count with one to one correspondence.
- Playing counting games.
- Represent numbers in different ways.
- Learn about the composition of numbers.
- Learn vocabulary related to height and size.

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- We will be learning the following units:
- 'Why is the word God so important to Christians?'
- 'Why do Christians perform Nativity plays at Christmas?'
- We will also explore others faiths through stories.

HOW TO HELP AT HOME

- Practice dressing/ un-dressing.
- Putting on, doing up shoes and coats.
- Practice using a knife and fork to cut up food.
- Practice reading/phonics, including writing.
- Count to 20 forwards and backwards.